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Standard Lime & Stone Quarry,
Worker's House No. 4
County Route 27
Millville
Jefferson County
West Virginia

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Location:

East side of County Route 27 (Bloomery Road), west edge of Standard Quarry southern spoil pile, Millville, Jefferson County, West Virginia.

UTM:

18.4353480.259920

Quad:

Charles Town, West Virginia

Significance:

Worker's House No. 4 is an intact surviving example of the vernacular domestic building tradition of company housing at the Standard Quarry.

Description:

The house is a two-story, three-bay, side-gable building with a central stair, single-pile plan and a one-story, rear shed-roofed ell. The main block of the house measures 16 by 32 feet, and the dimensions of the one-story rear ell off the northeast corner are 10 by 12 feet. A brick chimney protrudes from the east side of the ell. Exterior cladding of the wood-framed house includes stucco wall treatment (over original cove shiplap, or "German," siding) and standing seam metal roofing (over original wood shingles). There are two interior end wall brick chimneys, a shed-roofed front (west) porch, and a shed-roofed back (east) porch/deck.

Evidence of the original back porch configuration is evident on the south side of the rear ell. There is a small shed roof attached to the wall at this point. The longer back porch/deck was added at a later date. Windows are either six-over-six or two-over-two double-hung sash, and the foundation is a combination of fieldstone and concrete.

There are a number of outbuildings at the rear (east) of the house, as well as an above-ground swimming pool. The outbuildings consist of two sheds, a well house, and a privy. The spoil pile, rising several feet, is a prominent landscape feature to the east of the house.

The house is in good condition. Alterations to the original form are minimal.

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History:

The house is one of at least 12 original company houses constructed on the west edge of the Standard Quarry plant area probably by Preston S. Millard and C.D. Carter. The workers' houses were constructed between 1901 and 1923 under orders from Daniel Baker, president and co-founder of the Standard Lime & Stone Company.

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Historian:

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